

REMARKS

All of the pending claims in this application (i.e., claims 15-19, 29-31, 35, 36, 39-46, 49-54, 57-68, 71-76 and 95-100) have been allowed pursuant to the Notice of Allowance mailed on November 4, 2008.

Upon review of the allowed claims, applicants noted that claim 40 was identical to claim 36. To correct this error, applicants have amended claim 40 to recite "an excimer laser light" rather than "a laser light." Applicants submit that this amendment should be entered because the amendment does not introduce any new issues that would require further search or consideration due to the fact that the limitation "an excimer laser light" is already present in allowed claim 39. Moreover, applicants submit that the amendment to claim 40 should not compromise the allowability of claim 40 because the amendment is a narrowing amendment. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the amendment to claim 40 be entered and that amended claim 40 be allowed. If the Examiner disagrees, applicants invite the Examiner to call applicant's representative at the number below to discuss this issue further.

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Respectfully submitted,

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